

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6616

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As Passed Senate, March 3, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to directing the solid waste collection tax to the general fund.

**Brief Description:** Directing the solid waste collection tax to the general fund.

**Sponsors:** Senators Zarelli and Swecker.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means:

Passed Senate: 3/03/12, 25-24.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Staff:** Brian Sims (786-7431)

**Background:** The solid waste tax is an excise tax on the collection of solid waste. Solid waste does not include hazardous waste or material for salvage or recycling. The tax is 3.6 percent of the charges for solid waste collection by public or private solid waste collection businesses or utilities.

The solid waste tax is deposited in the Public Works Assistance Account and is one of four sources of money supporting low interest loans to local government for public infrastructure.

**Summary of Bill:** The solid waste tax is deposited in the General Fund starting July 1, 2011.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** No public hearing was held.

**Persons Testifying:** N/A.

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